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## IT'S JUBILEE TIME! COME HELP US CELEBRATE!

This year Shelton State Community College begins the official celebration of its 50th anniversary, the Shelton State Jubilee. As one of the first three trade schools in the state, the J.P. Shelton Trade School held its first class, cabinetmaking, in December 1952. In January 1953 the school officially opened its doors with 300 students and 16 faculty members. Harold I. James was named the president of this new school.

An eight-month celebration begins in September and continues through April 2003 as part of the Jubilee celebration. Faculty and staff, alumni, and community leaders are working together to make this Shelton State Community College's largest and grandest celebration in its history. A number of activities are already being planned each month as part of the celebration. If you would like more information on the Shelton State Jubilee, contact Lucy Kubiszyn, (205) 391-2221.



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September 2002:	Kick off Celebration Shelton State Foundation Barbecue Bash
October 2002:	Quality Month Activities
November 2002:	Homecoming Activities
December 2002:	Luncheon and special program recognizing the first students of the college, those attending during the 1950's.
January 2003:	A celebration open to the public celebrating the original founders and leaders of the college
February 2003:	Focus is on the C.A. Fredd Campus
March 2003:	Celebrating the Arts and Humanities
April 2003:	The Closing Jubilee Event

## SHELTON GRADUATE RECEIVES EMMY

Brian McDaniel was only 15 when he first entered broadcasting in Tuscaloosa. Today McDaniel lives outside Chicago, Illinois, and is senior producer for station CLTV, a 24-hour local cable news network. Recently he received a coveted Emmy Award for his work - the second in his career.

A graduate of Shelton State Community College, McDaniel received an associate in applied science degree in electronics in 1994. Although television production is a far cry from electronics, McDaniel says having a technical background does help. His courses at Shelton gave him valuable hands-on experience.

McDaniel began his television career with station WDBB TV in Tuscaloosa. From there

he went to Birmingham, working at WABM and then Channel

13 for four years. While at Channel 13, he received his first Emmy Award for a promotional image project he did in 1997. From Birmingham, he moved to Savannah, Georgia, and worked at station WTOG for 18 months.

During this time, however, his goal was always to work in the Chicago market, and when the opportunity presented itself, McDaniel quickly seized it. He was hired by the Chicago station, CLTV.



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"At that time, station CLTV was looking to be redesigned," said McDaniel. "The station did not have a logo, and their graphics were dated."

Under McDaniel's guidance, a new graphic design for the station emerged. Chicago architecture was used as the design. For this project, McDaniel took home his second Emmy award, this one in the Graphic Design Category.

Like many other Americans, McDaniel remembers September 11, 2001 as a benchmark in his life. He had just walked into the newsroom of the station in Chicago that morning. When he saw the first plane hit the World Trade Center, McDaniel thought it was extremely strange; Manhattan was not in the approach path for New York. When the second plane hit, he knew this would be the story of his career.

Soon the station's focus shifted to Chicago and fears that there

would be a terrorist attack on the Sears Building. "Our news managers could be heard having an eerie conversation," McDaniel said. "If their news crews went out, there was a chance they could be killed. I had never been part of something like that. Barricades were put up around the building. In fact, the air space around the city was closed for a long time."

Although a native Tuscaloosan, McDaniel loves the Chicago area. Once a year he and his wife, an Illinois stockbroker, return to Tuscaloosa to see his parents. "Chicago is a great town. The mid-west is very different from the northeast. People are very friendly and open. The traffic is hard though. You have to allow yourself an hour to get anywhere in Chicago."

When asked about his future goals, McDaniel says he hopes to 'branch out.' "I like the creative end of this work. Perhaps, I'll open an advertising agency of my own in the future."

## For the Two Babies She Saved, Angie Could Be Called an "Angel"



Angie Thames certainly doesn't consider herself a hero. When the tornado hit the Bear Creek Trailer Park in December of 2000, Angie says she didn't have time to think. Six-month old twin boys lived behind Angie's mother in the trailer park. After the tornado hit, the twins' mother was badly hurt. In all the confusion, someone gave Angie the babies to hold. Realizing they were hurt, Angie ran from the back of the trailer park to the front for help. Afraid that one of the twins would die in her arms, Angie frantically rushed to DCH Regional Medical Center.

When she reached the hospital, she found it to be a madhouse, people lined up and down the hallway on stretchers. With so many people injured, there was a great deal of confusion. The twins were quickly rushed by ambulance to Children's Hospital in Birmingham. Thankfully, today both babies are fine and now live with their mother in Pickens County.

Angie, a student at Shelton State, has seen her life go back to being normal. She is majoring in nursing and plans on entering the college's Associate Degree Nursing program this fall. Eventually, she wants to go into pediatric nursing.

Angie's touching story and her heroism during the devastating tornado appeared in a Birmingham newspaper and was picked up by *Woman's World*, a New York-based magazine. Angie's story will be featured in one of the magazine's upcoming issues.

## MURPHY RECEIVES COLLEGE HONOR

*For the fast talking, quick moving director of Shelton's Wellness Center, everything she does is connected to her students and her job.*

Some see her as the fitness queen. Those she has helped through the years speak of her in glowing terms. But for the fast talking, quick moving director of Shelton's Wellness Center, everything she does is connected to her students and her job.

Milady Khoury Murphy was recognized by the college as the 2001 recipient of the Dr. and Mrs. John Todd Award for Exceptional Achievement in Teaching.

This annual award carries with it a cash gift of \$1500 and was established by Dr. and Mrs. John Todd of Tuscaloosa.

Originally from Boston, Massachusetts, Murphy received her bachelor's degree in health, physical education and recreation from Bridgewater State College in Massachusetts. After graduation, Coach Paul (Bear) Bryant offered her a position. While at Alabama, Murphy went on to receive her master's degree and doctorate in physical education from the University of Alabama.

Her background in health care includes experience as a cardiac rehabilitation instructor, a cardiopulmonary technician, a certified water safety instructor, and a Red Cross instructor of first aid, safety, and CPR.

She is the founder and director of Shelton's Wellness Center, one of the col-

lege's most popular programs. Each year Murphy travels extensively holding lectures, programs and workshops. Murphy appears on two television shows each week where she offers tips on exercise, disease prevention and other health related topics. She has also been featured on Alabama Public Television as one of the state's wellness experts.

In the past, Murphy designed a wide range of physical fitness and conditioning programs, both in the United States and Europe, and has implemented conditioning programs for professional athletes, children, handicapped individuals, and senior citizens. Before establishing Shelton State's Wellness Center, Murphy owned and directed the Total Approach Fitness Clinic of Tuscaloosa. She has also won a number of triathlons, running and swimming events in New England and the Southeast.



## FROM SHELTON SINGER TO SINGING FOR THE LORD

Although Greg Crowe grew up around music, the only formal training he ever had was the year he attended Shelton State on a music scholarship as a member of the Shelton Singers. Today, Greg is one of the brightest rising stars in the popular Christian music industry.

As a teenager, Greg's life was like many boys of that era. He was very involved in sports, playing for both little league and school teams. Graduating from Hillcrest High School, Greg attended Shelton State in 1984.

He remembers Shelton as a great college. At the time, Shelton was located in the old Gaylord's Department Store building on Skyland Boulevard. After leaving Shelton, Greg transferred to the University of Alabama where he received a degree in education.

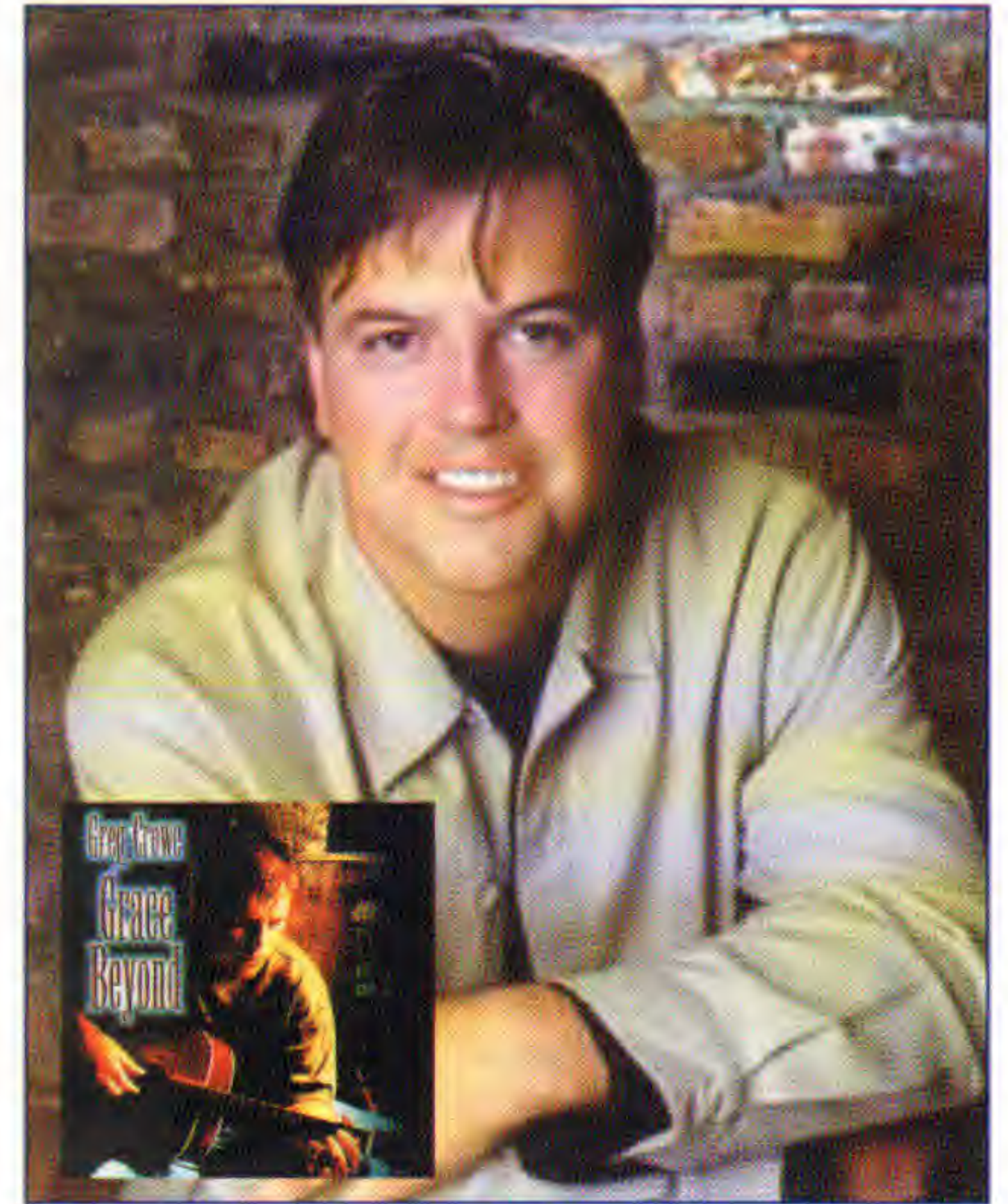
After graduation he joined a local Christian music group in 1987. However, after being

hired by the Blackwood Brothers, a famous Christian quartet that has won numerous Grammys and other national awards, his career began to take off.

"That's when I cut my first record," Greg says. "I went solo in 1999, and now I do 120 concerts a year all over the United States. I'm traveling a lot, usually about 45 weekends a year."

In December 2000, he opened as the host of "Back Stage," a television show that is now in two million homes in 80 cities in five states. "We are about to go into the Denver television market, which is another one million people," he says. "I've got two booking agents, but my wife and I handle all the television responsibilities. Our children go with us a lot when we are out of town on weekends."

Greg isn't sure what the future will bring. "I just want to keep on growing our



ministry. We just pray and hope. The more money we bring in, the more we give away. I sponsor the Feed my Lambs International, a medical ministry, as well as the Willbrook Ministries, which helps the homeless in inner cities. Last year we sent four missionaries overseas," he says.

To contact Greg Crowe on the Internet, enter [www.gregcrowe.net](http://www.gregcrowe.net).



## NEW DEAN OF INSTRUCTION NAMED

Camille Powell Cochrane is the new dean of instruction for Shelton State. Cochrane has served as acting dean of instruction for the college since September 2001. A native of Northport, Cochrane is a graduate of the University of Alabama and was a member of the faculty at Shelton State since 1979. She served as the chair of the math department from 1997-2001, was the project director for the minority science/mathematics improvement project from 1995-96, and coordinated developmental mathematics for the college from 1998-2001.

In 2000 she received the Dr. and Mrs. John Todd Award for Exceptional Achievement in Teaching. She is a member of the Shelton State Alumni Association, the School-to-Career Steering Committee, the Workforce Development Committee, the National Council of Instructional Administrators, the Alabama College System Instructional Officers Association, the American Mathematical Association of Two Year Colleges and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

## SHELTON FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

Over the past two years, five new scholarships have been endowed through the Shelton State Foundation. The Foundation is a 501(C)3 established in 1984 to provide support to Shelton State Community College. For more information on the Foundation and its scholarship program, call (205) 391-2298.

The new scholarships established by the college include:

### 1. ROBERT ECHOLS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP:

This scholarship was established in January 2000 by family and friends to honor the memory of Robert Echols.

### 2. C.C. FANG ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP:

Established in May 2001, this scholarship is designated for an outstanding physics student. Dr. Fang, a retired physics instructor at Shelton State, established the scholarship. The first recipient is Elana Swiney.

### 3. HALL-TAYLOR ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP:

Established by Curtis Hall and Roger Taylor of Hall-Taylor Construction in July 2001, this scholarship is to assist a student attending Shelton State.

### 4. KAREEM MCNEAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP:



This scholarship was established in July 2001 by the college to recognize the accomplishments of Kareem McNeal, Shelton instructor and former University of Alabama football player. This scholarship will assist physically challenged students.

### 5. BERNICE BUTLER ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP:

In March 2001 the Board of directors of Merchant and Farmer's Bank established this scholarship to recognize the contribution of Bernice Butler. The scholarship will be used to assist students attending Shelton State.





Sara Brenizer

## ONLINE COURSES QUICKLY GAINING POPULARITY AT SHELTON

The purpose of Shelton's online courses is simple - to reach and serve another segment of the population who might be interested in college courses. For students who work during the day, have small children, or who don't have the necessary transportation to reach the college, online courses can be the solution, according to Sara Brenizer, a member of the college's full-time science faculty and the primary contact for the college's WebCT courses.

"We're taking baby steps in this process," Brenizer says. "Right now we're offering five online courses. We're offering two biology courses for non-majors, a personal health class, a sociology class, and a computer science class."

Brenizer, who teaches the on-line biology classes, says her classes now fill the first week of telephone registration. Enrollment is set at 30 students. Most students, according to Brenizer, are from the West Alabama area.

"All correspondence in my class is done on a one-on-one basis," she says. "Students physically come to class three times during the semester, during orientation, mid-term, and for the final exam. There must be a lot of interaction between the faculty and students. Whatever we do for the individual classes, we must also do for the classes online."

"Actually, my online classes have more assignments than my traditional classes," Brenizer says. "Students are not as inhibited online."

"It's interesting," says Brenizer. "The sociology class is taught by a teacher from Virginia. She even gives her final online."

Shelton State is a member of the Alabama Distance Learning Consortium. The purpose of the consortium is to tie in with college and universities. Many of other two-year colleges in the state are into distance learning and on-line courses too. Through the consortium, Brenizer says she is able to adapt the courses to fit the college's curriculum.

"My hope is to see at least one online course for each division. All of the faculty at the college will soon use the Internet for at least the enhancement of their courses if not the courses being offered totally online. We're in the process of developing a web page for each faculty member."

Brenizer admits that online classes might not be for everyone. "Students must be self-motivated when taking classes online. Procrastinators do not do well. However, we are finding that students who are already working do especially well with these types of courses," she says.

## Madonna Thompson... A "GYM-RAT" AT HEART

Madonna Thompson, Shelton's women's basketball coach, is a licensed speech pathologist with B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Alabama. Yet, Thompson admits to being a "gym rat" at heart, which is one reason the energetic young coach left her job at Beverly Health and Rehabilitation in 1998 to become the college's women's basketball coach. "I really started missing basketball. So I left it all and came to Shelton," she says.

Thompson, 28, played basketball at the University of Alabama from 1992-95.

When she took the job at Shelton, the women's team was in the middle of hard times. "I had 12 kids. Some quit. A lot had problems. It was a rough year," she says.

"The next year I started recruiting my own kids. I look for smart kids from all over the state, athletes who are in public and private schools. You have to have the right kids; they have to believe in what you believe. It was hard at first. Money was a problem. We are fortunate Shelton can support the program. Businesses are supportive. Housing is hard. Some students just don't have money for apartments. We do some fundraising," she adds.

Thompson and her team won their second state championship this year and finished fifth in the nation.

"No one during the national playoffs had any idea how good we really were," Thompson says. "Our top rebounder broke her foot before the first game. Johnson Country Community College beat us the first game."

"They outplayed and out hustled us. Six members of this year's team return next season. In junior college, it's hard to find height. It's difficult to find a player 6' or over," she says. "I want to win a national championship. I want to win state every year so that our students expect us to win. I'd like to be able to get the best kids in the state."

